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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:

Shigeki WATANABE

Application No.: 09/774,686

Group Art Unit: 2633

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Examiner: Phan, Hanh

For: METHOD, DEVICE, AND SYSTEM FOR REGENERATING OPTICAL SIGNAL

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Attention: After Final**

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed August 5, 2004 finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-16, 18-20, 22-32.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1. EXTENSION OF TIME PETITION AND FEE

X Attached is a petition for a two-month extension of  
time for reply to the final rejection. \$ 450.00

2. APPEAL FEE

X Other than a small entity 500.00

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3. PAYMENT

X Check attached for the total fee of \$ 950.00.

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Respectfully submitted,

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